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Mr. Mitchell, I would like to respectfully request that you disapprove the rate increase proposed by Duke Power (17%). Electricity is very important to our society and I could see maybe an increase during more favorable times. Over the next five years is not the time for an increase. It is just like a tax increase for families and can only harm South Carolinians. I would also question an increase on businesses in our communities. The cost will only be shifted to consumers and that would be alright if we do not consume, but that effects business.

Bottom line: Now is not the time for increased burdens on families! Be patient saith the Lord. Thanks, Jeff Hales